Court of Inquiry and it is not possible to give any definite view at this stage.

(b) 'S' Mode Transponders are fitted in the aircraft. The corresponding land based equipment called Secondary Sur veillance Radars (SSRs) have already been commissioned at Hyderabad and Thiruvananthapuram Airports. Installa tion of SSRs at Ahmedabad, Calcutta, Madras and Guwahati will be completed in 1997. Modernisation of Air Traffic Control system at Delhi and Bombay airports at an estimated cost of Rs. 423.89 crores has been taken up and the facilities will be commissioned by June, 1997.

(c) Other measures which have been emphasised to avoid air accidents are strict adherence by Air Traffic Control lers (ATCs), ATC procedures and in structions laid down, usage of standard phraseology between crew and ATCs and proper maintenance of navigational, com munication and landing facilities.

Agreement with Portugal on Opening of New Airlines

2425. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently signed an agreement with Portugal on opening of new airlines and more understanding in Civil Aviation Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether similar agreement has been signed with other European country during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) The Air Services Agreement between India and Portugal was signed on 6th February, 1997.

(b) The Agreement enables the designated airline of India to operate air services to Lisbon and that of Portugal to Bombay through specified intermediate points and to points beyond. The free-quency of services and capacity will be jointly determined by the aeronautical authorities of the Contracting States from time to time.

(c) Air Services agreement have been finalised/signed with Finland, Ukraine, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Slovakia and Czech Republic during the last two years.

Capacity utilisation of Indian Airlines

2426. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while the passenger traffic carried by Indian Airlines has increased during the period 1990-91 to 1996-97 but the capacity utilisation has'gone down; and

(b) if so, the capacity utilisation on Indian Airlines during each year 1990-91 to 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

सूरत में विमानपत्त्न का निर्माण किये जाने की मांग

2427. **श्री रामजी लाल : क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:**

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वाणिज्य-मंडल के एक प्रतिनिधि मंडल ने सूरत (गुजरात) में एक विमानपत्तन का निर्माण किये जाने की मांग के संबंध में उनसे मुलाकात की थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उन्हें कोई आश्र्वासन दिया गया था;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उपर्युक्त विमानपत्तन का निर्माण- कार्य कब तक आरम्भ हो जायेगा; और

(घ) यदि नही, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी. एम. इब्राहीम) : (क) जी, नही । (ख) और (ग़) ये प्रश्न नही उठते ।

(घ) सूरत हवाई अड्डा गुजरात राज्य सरकार का है । वित्तीय तंगी के कारण भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की सूरत हवाई अड्डे के विकास को कोई योजनाएं नही है ।

Dropping "Government Companies" from the Companies Act of 1956

2428. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering dropping the concept of "Government Companies" from the Companies act 1956;

(b) if so, whether such a step of Government is going to affect the PSUs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what further steps Government propose to take to ensure that the PSUs would not be given in private hands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Procedure for issue of Duplicate Share/ Debentures

2429. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procedure for issue of duplicate share/debentures within a reasonable time limit has been simplified;

(b) if so, the new simplified procedure and how does it compare with the earlier procedure;

(c) the response of the markets to this procedure; and

(d) what steps will be taken to guard the procedures from becoming compli cated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) There are already provisions in the Companies Act, 1956 and Companies (Issue of Share Certificates) 'Rules, 1960 which stipulate the procedure and conditions for issue of duplicate Share Certificates by the Companies. No change has been effected in these provisions in recent times.

Moreover, the Listing Agreement prescribed by SEBI, which is applicable in case of listed companies, also prescribe conditions for issue of duplicate Share Certificates which *inter alia,* require companies to issue such Certificates within six weeks of notification of loss to the Company by the Shareholder and on receipt of proper indemnity by Company from the Shareholder.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Advertisement earning remitted overseas by foreign T. V. Channels

2430. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has been approached to develop separate estimates of advertisement earnings re mitted overseas by foreign television channels; and

(b) whether the Ministry of Finance has been approached to tax these remit tances at a stiff rate?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.